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WITH INDONESIA

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¶1. (U) This message is Sensitive but Unclassified -- Please handle accordingly.

¶2. (SBU) SUMMARY: Mission delivered reftel message outlining USG views on the way forward for the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) to GOI interlocutors on July 24. They took note of our views and promised to consider them as Indonesia formulated its position on the matter. END SUMMARY.

¶3. (SBU) Pol/C delivered reftel message to Bunyan Saptomo, Director for North American Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU), on July 24. Poloff also raised the issue with Fikry Cassidy, DEPLU's Deputy Director for International Security and Disarmament Affairs, the office responsible for UNSC matters.

¶4. (SBU) Emboffs underscored that UNMEE could no longer function effectively given that neither Ethiopia nor Eritrea supported it. Therefore, the United States would not support a roll-over of UNMEE. The USG would instead urge the Secretary General to work with Ethiopia and Eritrea to find a way for the United Nations to support their normalized relations. We urged Indonesia to adopt this position.

¶5. (SBU) DEPLU interlocutors said Indonesia had not yet formulated a position on this issue. They promised to consider USG views as GOI officials decided how to move forward.

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